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Re: Provisions for Default Service, Case No. PUE-2002-00645

Dear Mr. Peck:

This letter is to advise the Commission, the parties and the Commission Staff that Appalachian Power Company, d/b/a American Electric Power ("Company"), does not intend to file formal comments on the Staff Report issued on May 1, 2003 in this proceeding. The Company stands ready to provide default service to Virginia customers requiring such service, in accordance with the Virginia Electric Utility Restructuring Act and the recommendations in the Staff Report. The Company is mindful that default service requirements will, of necessity, be revisited periodically, and it looks forward to continued participation in future work group deliberations on default service.

The Company does not request a hearing. However, it requests an opportunity to participate if any hearing is scheduled herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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